

SUBCHAPTER B : PUBLIC NOTICE OF SOLID WASTE APPLICATIONS

§§39.101, 39.103, 39.105, 39.107, and 39.109

§39.101. Application for Municipal Solid Waste Permit.

(a) Preapplication local review committee process. If an applicant decides to participate in a local review committee process under Texas Health and Safety Code, §361.063, the applicant must submit to the executive director a notice of intent to file an application, setting forth the proposed location and type of facility. The executive director shall mail notice to the county judge of the county in which the facility is to be located. If the proposed facility is to be located in a municipality or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, a copy of the notice shall also be mailed to the mayor of the municipality. The executive director shall also mail notice to the appropriate regional solid waste planning agency or council of government. The mailing shall be by certified mail.

(b) Notice of intent to obtain a permit.

(1) On the executive director's receipt of an application, or notice of intent to file an application, the chief clerk shall mail notice to the state senator and representative who represent the area in which the facility is or will be located.

(2) After the executive director determines that the application is administratively complete, the following actions shall be taken.

(A) The applicant shall publish notice of intent to obtain a permit at least once under §39.5(g) of this title (relating to General Provisions).

(B) The chief clerk shall publish notice of the application in the *Texas Register*.

(C) The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title (relating to Mailed Notice).

(D) The executive director shall mail notice of this determination along with a copy of the application or summary of its contents to the mayor and health authority of a municipality in whose territorial limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the solid waste facility is located, and to the county judge and the health authority of the county in which the facility is located.

(c) Notice of draft permit.

(1) The applicant shall publish notice at least once under §39.5(g) of this title.

(2) The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title (relating to Mailed Notice).

(3) The notice shall specify the deadline to file public comment or hearing requests, which shall be not less than 30 days after newspaper publication.

(d) Notice of public meeting.

(1) If the application proposes a new facility, the executive director shall hold a public meeting in the county in which the facility is to be located to receive public comment concerning the application. A public meeting is not a contested case proceeding under the APA. A public meeting held as part of a local review committee process under subsection (a) of this section meets the requirements of this subsection if public notice is provided under this subsection.

(2) The applicant shall publish notice of the public meeting once each week during the three weeks preceding a public meeting under §39.5(g) of this title. The published notice shall not be smaller than 96.8 square centimeters or 15 square inches with the shortest dimension at least 7.6 centimeters or three inches.

(3) The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title.

(e) Notice of hearing.

(1) This subsection applies if an application is referred to SOAH for a contested case hearing under Chapter 80 of this title (relating to Contested Case Hearings).

(2) The applicant shall publish notice at least once under §39.5(g) of this title.

(3) Mailed notice.

(A) If the applicant proposes a new facility, the applicant shall mail notice of the hearing to each residential or business address located within ½ mile of the facility and to each owner of real property located within ½ mile of the facility listed in the real property appraisal records of the appraisal district in which the facility is located. The notice shall be mailed to the persons listed as owners in the real property appraisal records on the date the application is determined to be administratively complete. The notice must be mailed no more than 45 days and no less than 30 days before the hearing. Within 30 days after the date of mailing, the applicant must file an affidavit certifying compliance with this paragraph with the chief clerk. Filing an affidavit certifying facts that constitute compliance with the notice requirements creates a rebuttable presumption of compliance with this subparagraph.

(B) If the applicant proposes an amendment of a permit, the chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title.

(4) Notice under paragraphs (2) and (3)(B) of this subsection shall be completed at least 30 days before the hearing.

§39.103. Application for Industrial or Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

(a) Preapplication local review committee process. If an applicant decides to participate in a local review committee process under Texas Health and Safety Code, §361.063, the applicant must submit a notice of intent to file an application to the executive director, setting forth the proposed location and type of facility. The applicant shall mail notice to the county judge of the county in which the facility is to be located. If the proposed facility is to be located in a municipality or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, a copy of the notice shall also be mailed to the mayor of the municipality. Mailed notice shall be by certified mail. When the applicant submits the notice of intent to the executive director, the applicant shall publish notice of the submission in a paper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is to be located.

(b) Notice of receipt of application. When the executive director receives an application, or notice of intent to file an application, the chief clerk shall mail notice to the state senator and representative who represent the area in which the facility is or will be located, and to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title (relating to Mailed Notice).

(c) Review of permit application by other governmental agencies. After the executive director determines that the application is administratively complete, the executive director shall mail a copy of the application or a summary of its contents to the mayor and health authority of a municipality in whose territorial limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the solid waste facility is located. The executive director shall also mail a copy of the application or a summary of its contents to the county judge and the health authority of the county in which the facility is located.

(d) Notice of draft permit.

(1) The applicant shall publish notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is located and in each county and area which is adjacent or contiguous to each county in which the proposed facility is located.

(2) The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title.

(3) If the application concerns a hazardous waste facility, the applicant shall broadcast notice under §39.5(h) of this title (relating to General Provisions).

(4) The notice shall specify the deadline to file public comment or hearing requests. For industrial solid waste applications, the deadline shall be not less than 30 days after newspaper publication, and for hazardous waste applications, not less than 45 days after newspaper publication.

(e) Notice of public meeting.

(1) If the applicant proposes a new hazardous waste facility, the executive director shall hold a public meeting in the county in which the facility is to be located to receive public comment concerning the application. If the applicant proposes a major amendment of an existing hazardous waste facility permit, this subsection applies if a person affected files a request for public meeting with the chief clerk concerning the application before the deadline to file public comment or hearing requests. A public meeting is not a

contested case proceeding under the APA. A public meeting held as part of a local review committee process under subsection (a) of this section meets the requirements of this subsection if public notice is provided under this subsection.

(2) The applicant shall publish notice of the public meeting once each week during the three weeks preceding a public meeting. The applicant shall publish notice under §39.5(g) of this title. The published notice shall not be smaller than 96.8 square centimeters or 15 square inches with the shortest dimension at least 7.6 centimeters or three inches.

(3) The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title.

(f) Notice of hearing.

(1) This subsection applies if an application is referred to SOAH for a contested case hearing under Chapter 80 of this title (concerning Contested Case Hearings).

(2) Newspaper notice.

(A) If the application concerns an industrial solid waste facility, the applicant shall publish notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is located and in each county and area which is adjacent or contiguous to each county in which the proposed facility is located.

(B) If the application concerns a hazardous waste facility, the hearing must include one session held in the county in which the facility is located. The applicant shall publish notice of the hearing once each week during the three weeks preceding the hearing under §39.5(g) of this title. The published notice shall not be smaller than 96.8 square centimeters or 15 square inches with the shortest dimension at least 7.6 centimeters or three inches. The text of the notice shall include the statement that at least one session of the hearing will be held in the county in which the facility is located.

(3) Mailed notice.

(A) If the applicant proposes a new solid waste management facility, the applicant shall mail notice to each residential or business address located within ½ mile of the facility and to each owner of real property located within ½ mile of the facility listed in the real property appraisal records of the appraisal district in which the facility is located. The notice shall be mailed to the persons listed as owners in the real property appraisal records on the date the application is determined to be administratively complete. The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title, except that the chief clerk shall not mail notice to the persons listed in paragraph (1) of that section. The notice must be mailed no more than 45 days and no less than 30 days before the hearing. Within 30 days after the date of mailing, the applicant must file with the chief clerk an affidavit certifying compliance with its obligations under this subsection. Filing an affidavit certifying facts that constitute compliance with notice requirements creates a rebuttable presumption of compliance with this subparagraph.

(B) If the applicant proposes to amend or renew an existing permit, the chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title.

(4) If the application concerns a hazardous waste facility, the applicant shall broadcast notice of the hearing under §39.5(h) of this title.

(5) Notice under paragraphs (2)(A), (3), and (4) of this subsection shall be completed at least 30 days before the hearing.

(g) This section does not apply to applications for an injection well permit.

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§39.105. Application for a Class 1 Modification of an Industrial Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, or Municipal Solid Waste Permit.

(a) Notice requirements for Class 1 modifications are in:

(1) §305.69 of this title (relating to Solid Waste Permit Modification at the Request of the Permittee) for industrial solid waste or hazardous waste permits; or

(2) §305.70 of this title (relating to Municipal Solid Waste Class I Modifications) for municipal solid waste permits.

(b) The text of required notice shall follow the requirements of §39.11 of this title (relating to Text of Public Notice). If the application is for modification of an industrial solid waste or hazardous waste permit, the additional requirements in §305.69 of this title apply.

(c) When mailed notice is required, the applicant shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title (relating to Mailed Notice).

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§39.107. Application for a Class 2 Modification of an Industrial or Hazardous Waste Permit.

The notice requirements for Class 2 modifications are in §305.69 of this title (relating to Solid Waste Permit Modification at the Request of the Permittee), except that the text of notice shall comply with §305.69 of this title and §39.11 of this title (relating to Text of Public Notice). The notice shall specify the deadline to file with the chief clerk public comment. The deadline is specified in §305.69 of this title. When mailed notice is required, the applicant shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title (relating to Mailed Notice).

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§39.109. Application for a Class 3 Modification of an Industrial or Hazardous Waste Permit.

(a) Notice requirements in other commission rules. The notice requirements for Class 3 modifications are in §305.69 of this title (relating to Solid Waste Permit Modification at the Request of the Permittee), except that the text of notice shall follow the requirements of §305.69 of this title and §39.11 of this title (relating to Text of Public Notice). The notice shall specify the deadline to file public comment or hearing requests. The deadline is specified in §305.69 of this title. When mailed notice is required, the applicant shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title (relating to Mailed Notice).

(b) Notice of public meeting.

(1) In accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code, §361.0791, the executive director shall hold a public meeting on request of a person affected concerning a hazardous waste permit that is filed on or before the deadline to file public comment or hearing requests. The public meeting is not a contested case proceeding under the APA. A public meeting held as part of a local review committee process under Health and Safety Code, §361.063 complies with this subsection if public notice is provided in accordance with this subsection. This subsection does not apply to a public meeting held by an applicant under §305.69 of this title.

(2) The applicant shall publish notice of the public meeting once each week during the three weeks preceding a public meeting under §39.5(g) of this title (relating to General Provisions). The published notice shall not be smaller than 96.8 square centimeters or 15 square inches with the shortest dimension at least 7.6 centimeters or three inches.

(c) Notice of hearing.

(1) This subsection applies if an application is referred to SOAH for a contested case hearing under Chapter 80 of this title (relating to Contested Case Hearings).

(2) Newspaper notice.

(A) If the application concerns an industrial solid waste facility, the applicant shall publish notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is located, and in each county and area which is adjacent or contiguous to each county wherein the proposed facility is located.

(B) If the application concerns a hazardous solid waste facility, the hearing must include one session held in the county in which the facility is located. The applicant shall publish notice of the hearing once each week during the three weeks preceding the hearing under §39.5(g) of this title. The published notice shall not be smaller than 96.8 square centimeters or 15 square inches with the shortest dimension at least 7.6 centimeters or three inches. The text of the notice shall include the statement that at least one session of the hearing will be held in the county in which the facility is located.

(3) The chief clerk shall mail notice to the persons listed in §39.13 of this title.

(4) If the application concerns a hazardous waste facility, the applicant shall broadcast notice of the hearing under §39.5(h) of this title.

(5) Notice under paragraphs (2)(A), (3), and (4) of this subsection shall be completed at least 30 days before the hearing.

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